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Marginal Column

By ARYAH RUBINSTEIN

In a way perhaps we should be proud of the fact that our Ministry of Finance officials are no narrow specialists with eyes only for the budget and the cost-of-living index. In the controversy over the exchange rate for imported books they have revealed that their nightmares are concerned not only with rising prices and the widening gap in the balance of trade; they are, it would seem, just as worried about the reading habits of the taxpayers and figure how to use their financial arsenal to strike a blow for Culture. But the argument that books imported from the U.S.A. largely in the category of "cheap literature" has been shown to be without basis. Pocket books of all types (and these include classics as well as thrillers) account for only 15 per cent of the books imported from the U.S.A. under the International Media Guarantees Programme. Serious non-fiction and technical and scientific books, on the other hand, make up 45 per cent of the total, and professional periodicals another 27 per cent.

MINISTRY of Finance men have advanced other arguments as well - some of them much more convincing than the "cheap literature" one. In fact the very multiplicity of poor reasons for raising the exchange rate can only make us think that the plan was hastily conceived and should be as hastily abandoned. We hold for instance that the low exchange rate has encouraged smuggling. Even if true, this would be an example par excellence of throwing out the baby with the bath. But the Treasury, having made the charge, has not seen fit to answer the toolmakers' published demand for a bill of particulars.

If that argument did not convince you, Finance Minister Eshkol had another one. He told the Knesset that the Treasury has gradually abolished special exchange rates for other commodities as well even though such items as bread, flour, sugar, etc., were still being controlled. The second world would provide for the establishment of an all-German government after free elections and the simultaneous entry into force of "some of the security envisaged under the security arrangement." The third stage would permit the reunited Germany a free choice in foreign policy and military alignment.

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Britain Invites Heads Of Soviet Parliament

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuters). — Prime Minister Anthony Eden announced today that invitations had been sent to the two Chairmen of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet for a visit by a Soviet parliamentary delegation to Britain next July.

The invitations were sent by the Speaker of the Commons, Mr. William Morrison, and the Lord Chancellor of the House of Lords.

The Chairman of the two equal Houses of the Supreme Soviet are Mr. A. P. Volov in the Soviet of the Union and Mr. V. T. Latsis in the Soviet of Nationalities.

(Reuters, UP)

West Offers Advanced Security Time-Table

GENEVA, Tuesday. — The West, in a new move to induce Russia to agree to early all-German elections, said today that the Soviet Union would not have to await the decision of a united Germany to join the Atlantic alliance to obtain "certain benefits" under the security treaty offered her.

Ike Sends Personal Greetings to Russia

DENVER, Tuesday. — President Eisenhower yesterday created a precedent by sending personal greetings to Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov, across the conference table after a three-day recess.

The British statesman was answering a major criticism of the Western security plan voiced by Mr. Molotov last week.

Conference sources quoted Mr. Macmillan as saying that some of his items of criticism were dependent on German membership of NATO. But the West had never taken the line that until a united Germany joined NATO there could be no treaty. "On the contrary, we have indicated that we will be ready to sign a treaty concurrently with agreement of the EEC and the Common Market through free elections," he told his Soviet counterpart.

Mr. Macmillan said that, under the projected pact, if Germany violated her agreements all the treaty partners would be obliged to take united action.

No New Proposals

Western sources said that Mr. Molotov made no new proposals today, but made it clear he did not want German reunification at this stage. He insisted on the danger of a split German army of German militarism, and rejected previous statements that the main achievements of East Germany must be safeguarded.

Finally, the Western Ministers insisted that Mr. Molotov had not fully understood their plan and asked him to give it further consideration in the light of what had been said.

M. Andre Pliny of France disclosed some of the details of the Western plan for a stage-by-stage approach to German reunification and simultaneous security guarantees for the Soviet Union.

The first stage would consist of the simultaneous signature of an agreement on German reunification and a security arrangement. The second would provide for the establishment of an all-German government after free elections and the simultaneous entry into force of "some of the security envisaged under the security arrangement." The third stage would permit the reunited Germany a free choice in foreign policy and military alignment.

Mr. Pliny gave these stages in reply to a question from Mr. Molotov, who had asked whether the Western guarantees would enter into force only if the re-united Germany chose to join NATO.

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Jerusalem, November 9.

Deadlock Unbroken ... Of Security Council Seat

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuters). — The U.N. General Assembly, deadlocked over the selection of a non-permanent Security Council member, adjourned further voting for another two weeks today after a record number of ballots.

The contest between the Philippines and Yugoslavia for the vacant seat was still at an impasse after the ninth inconclusive ballot today — the 1st since voting began. It surpassed the long-voting record of 1951, when 19 ballots were needed to elect Greece.

RAFAEL OFF TO GENEVA

Mr. Gideon Rafael, Adviser on Middle East Affairs in the Foreign Ministry, is to return to Geneva today, after concluding a tour of the region, in order to maintain contact with the proper parties on Middle East affairs.

A memorial service for the late

Alexander Kremener

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will be held on the thirtieth day after his death on Friday, November 11, 1955, at 1.30 p.m.

Buses will leave for the cemetery (Carmel Beach) at 1 p.m. from "Vulcan" Foundries, Haifa Bay, and at 1.15 p.m. from Kibar Sejul Beach, Haifa.

Burns to Meet Eytan Today On U.N. Proposals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Maj. Gen. E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, will initiate discussions on the U.N. proposals for the El Asira (Nitzana) area with Israel today and with Egypt tomorrow.

Today he will meet with Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Egyptian Ministry. The following day Gen. Burns will fly to Cairo to meet the Canadian Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Lester Pearson, and in the Egyptian capital, it is learned from U.N. sources, he will discuss the Nitzana proposal with Government leaders.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman stated in Jerusalem yesterday that insofar as the proposals "aim at bringing about full compliance of the parties with the provisions of the General Armistice Agreement and end hostilities in the Nitzana area, they are assured of Israel's support."

The spokesman recalled that Israel's declared policy is based on the "integral implementation of the Israel-Egyptian General Armistice Agreement as an agreement binding equally both parties."

Egyptian Attack

Meanwhile, in Moscow, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin was a picture of old world grace and dignity as he walked with a prominent Communist Party secretariat at the celebrations in the Kremlin Palace. Forgetting the affairs of state for a moment, Marshal Bulganin and Kliment Voroshilov, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, led a round of folk dancing before the 19th birthday of the Soviet Union, until midnight. As the Soviet leaders took the floor, other Presidium members urged them on with shouts and clapping. The dancing followed a four-hour dinner and reception.

At the dinner in St. George's Hall, the Communists freely exchanged views with the Westerners on the Government's quarrel with Britain over the Suez Canal.

Mr. Joseph Arbenz, the Israeli Ambassador, who returned to Moscow last week after talks with Foreign Minister Sharet, discussed the Soviet attitude towards Israel and the Arab States with Marshal Voroshilov, First Deputy Premier Lazar Kaganovich.

Reports from Moscow received in New York say that Mr. Kaganovich was sharply critical of Israel's foreign policy. He is the only Jewish member of the Presidium of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

(UPI, Reuters, INRA)

French Upper House For Electoral Reform

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuters). — A committee of the Council of the Republic, the Upper House, today voted for a first step towards reforming the voting system before the forthcoming elections.

The Senate's Universal Suffrage Committee decided by 24 votes to four, with three abstentions, in favour of a return to single-member constituencies. This decision was a grave threat to Prime Minister Edgar Faure's plan for early elections in December, as seven months before they would normally be held.

The National Assembly, in its abortive three-day debate on electoral reform, finally approved the government plan for early elections without changing the present unpopular voting system of inter-party electoral alliances.

Asked by reporters if he looked for a peaceful settlement of the French-Iraqi dispute, he replied: "It does not depend only on us. We are in favour of peaceful settlement. We do not look for aggression."

Asked what he thought of the U.N. proposal to withdraw from the Commission, Zemniak replied: "We are always ready at any moment to withdraw from it."

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Social & Personal

President Dr. Y. Ben-Zvi yesterday received Mr. S. H. Horwitz, Director of the South African Metal Company, and Mr. H. Gershater, editor of the "Zionist Record" of Johannesburg. The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi also received the International Delegation of Socialist Youth now visiting this country as part of a world tour. Monty, the deacon, Mr. Zuverla Baba Shadrow of the Gold Coast, G. Soewandi of Indonesia, Juan Reyes of Chile, Carlos Riveros of Uruguay and P. N. Upadhyay of Nepal.

On Sunday, the President received Mr. B. B. Lieberman, Deputy President of the Board of British Jews, and Mrs. Lieberman.

The President yesterday received the California State Prosecutor, Mr. Edward G. Brown and Mr. Salinger of Los Angeles. Mr. Brown and Mr. Salinger later visited the Histadrut Executive Building in Tel Aviv and were received by the Secretary-General, Mr. M. Namir, M.K.

The Foreign Minister and Mrs. Sharot entertained to dinner yesterday Mr. Gunnar Myrdal, Mr. Vicente Koutsiotakis, Mr. Walter Ryman and Mr. Moshe Barter.

The Minister for Social Welfare, Mrs. Miriam Shapiro, yesterday began a 10-day leave.

Chief Rabbi I. H. Horowitz yesterday received Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, and Mr. Alwyn F. Freeman.

Dr. Arthur Hanke, who had been Managing Director of Knesset Hayesod, was eulogized last night by the Minister of Justice, Mr. F. Rosen, the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Berl Locker, and Mr. Zalman Shazar, member of the Agency Executive, at a memorial service at El Al Hallahim, Jerusalem, 20 days after his death. Present were members of Dr. Hanke's family; Mr. Y. Sprinzak, Knesset Member; Knesset Members, and many public figures.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the death of the Hungarian composer Bela Bartok, a recital of his music was given at Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv yesterday. Members of the Diplomatic Corps and leaders of Israel's musical world were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Wix, of London, entertained their friends in Israel at a cocktail party at the Dala Hotel in Tel Aviv on Monday.

ARRIVALS: Mr. M. Wolfson, Deputy Director of the National Insurance Institute, from a mission to Yugoslavia; Mr. J. Thelen, Assistant Commercial Attaché at the French Embassy, from a short visit to Paris; Mr. Luciano Mallari, INA Press Attaché, on assignment; Mr. Ezzati Vedi, on assignment for the Turkish daily "Hurriyet."

DEPARTURES: Dr. N. Wydra, of Shoham, on behalf of the company; a group of 18 Danish travel agents, after a one-week study tour as guests of the Government Tourist Corporation.

M. ELIAN FINBERT, French novelist, will speak on "Souvenirs Sur Quelques Grands Escrivains Que J'ai Connus" (Gide, Flaubert, Bergson, etc.) at 6 tonight at the Centre de Culture Francaise, Jerusalem. M. Marcel Laforgue, French Consul-General, will preside.

BIRTH

To Mrs. Maxine Garland, wife of Mr. Robert E. Gamble, Second Secretary (Information) at the British Embassy, at the Asutsa Hospital on November 8 — a son.

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

Benjamin Bonch wishes to thank all those who kindly expressed their sympathy on the death of his father Menahem Bonch (Bialikovsky).

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Gerzon and Mr. and Mrs. David L. Leichter wish to thank all relatives and friends for their good wishes on the occasion of the marriage of their children, Betty and Avigdor.

THE NEW THREE-STORY

Histadrut centre in Bnei Brak was inaugurated yesterday at a function attended by 500 visitors, the Mayor of Bnei Brak and Histadrut officials.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Dr. L. Rommels, 11 Armonot, 5122; Dr. N. Abrahams, 11 Armonot, 5122; Dr. I. Grifit, 5 Binyamin Street, 5122.

TEL AVIV: Kobzberg, 28 Ahimeir Street, 6122; Dr. A. Shabtai, 11 Armonot, 5122; Dr. N. Hirschberg, 11 Armonot, 5122; Dr. Yosef Hirschberg, 11 Armonot, 5122; Dr. Yosef Hirschberg, 11 Armonot, 5122.

HAIFA: Dr. Shalom, 2 Nirim Street, 3122; Dr. Y. Aloni, KIRYAT MOTZKIM, 11 Armonot, 5122; Dr. Y. Motzkin, 11 Armonot, 5122.

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Mapam's Partners Reserve Rights

Mr. David Ben-Gurion, in his reply to the Knesset debate on the new Government last Thursday, announced details of agreements he had made with Mapam and about its views on foreign policy and with Hapoel Hamizrahi on religious affairs.

He quoted from a letter sent to him by Mapam during the coalition negotiations, which stated:

"Our party interprets the phrase 'the independence of Israel' which appears in the Basic Principles as including: not granting bases in Israel to any foreign power, the prevention of foreign intervention in the internal affairs of the State, not joining military alliances with foreign powers and not accepting grants insofar as these are bound up with political servitude. If the Government of Israel signs a military alliance with a foreign power, we will regard this as a violation of the laws of collective Cabinet responsibility."

If motions were brought in the Knesset concerning the initiation of negotiations for a military alliance, the letter continued, Mapam reserves the right to abstain. If a non-confidence motion were presented, Mapam would support the Government and would make an appropriate statement. But if a military alliance were finally signed with a foreign power, Mapam reserved the

right to leave the Government.

Mr. Ben-Gurion said that a similar letter had been received from Abud Ha'avoda.

The agreement with Hapoel Hamizrahi is set out in a letter by Mr. Ben-Gurion to Mr. Meir Shapira, leader of Hapoel Hamizrahi, states that the status quo will be maintained in matters of marriage and divorce law, public transport and other religious matters.

It promises that the Government will not put through any law which would apply to businesses and shops (except restaurants), workshops and industry, whether operated by the owners or by employees.

Local authorities will be authorized to restrict the raising of pigs within their jurisdiction. The local authorities do not have the same authority in this matter, the Knesset will pass the necessary enabling act.

Schools above the elementary level (secondary, vocational and agricultural) which define themselves as religious will be put under the jurisdiction of the Religious Education Division in the Ministry of Education, as religious elementary schools. Details are to be fixed by the Foreign Office.

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"to koch" to Namibia" is the target of an attack by "Al Ha-

merav" (Abud Ha'avoda).

"Al Ha'merav" writes that wages are not the concern of the Minister of Finance. Nor will wage increases cause an inflationary spiral. The government should stimulate higher productivity and enhance the country's economy.

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Political Manoeuvre

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(World Mikra) discuss the latest

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Foreign Office Has Own Buraimi Army

The British Foreign Office possesses a well-trained and equipped army in the Arab peninsula, according to an article in this week's "Dama'hane," the Israel Defence Forces magazine.

It will be recalled that Sir Anthony Eden recently announced in the House of Commons that Buraimi, the emirate which both Oman, the British Protectorate, and Saudi Arabia claim as their respective forces of the local Arab rulers, assisted by "the Oman Protection Force," had been disbanded.

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British Dance Band To Play at Habibim

JERUSALEM Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. To be the first British dance band to visit this country, Tony Crombie and his Orchestra are to appear in a series of concerts beginning at the National Theatre on November 26.

The band leader is a prominent jazz drummer, and accompanied Lena Horne and Duke Ellington on their tour through Europe. His 10-piece band has also toured Europe a number of times, appearing on British television, recording for Decca. With the band there will be Annie Ross and Johnny Grant, vocalists, and Jennifer James and Johnny Keon, dancers who have appeared in films with Gene Kelly.

Mr. Louis Levinson, chairman

of the Southwest African min-

es, was surprised that

Israeli scientists knew so much

about lutetium.

"Much more than in Italy or France, for instance," he observed. Israel was the last lap on the three-and-a-

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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: Showers in most parts of country decreasing towards evening.
 * A: Rainfall at 5 p.m. B: Minimum temp. C: Maximum yesterday
 D: Maximum temp. expected today

THE TEACHERS' Association has agreed to wait another two weeks before taking any action, in order to hold further negotiations with the Government on salary increases. The decision was taken after an all-day session of the Association's 52-member Council, which was interrupted by party consultations in the Histadrut Executive in Tel Aviv on Monday night.

ABOUT 1,000 immigrants, mostly from North Africa, arrived in Haifa in the last 24 hours, over 200 in the a.m. Negba today, and 1,200 in the French vessel, the Tasmania, tonight or tomorrow morning.

250 TONS of tinned meat arrived in the Greek vessel, the Zekhariah, from Eritrea last Tuesday. She passed through the Suez Canal. 16,000 TONS of fuel oil from Russia are due in the Russian tankers, Volga-Don, in Haifa today.

THE JEWISH distributors of "Maccabi," the evening newspaper, Yitzhak and Shlomo Goren yesterday fined IL10 by the Jerusalem Magistrate for employing two children under the age of 14 in contravention of the Child Labour Law.

BABY DROWNS IN PAIL OF WATER REHOVOT, Tuesday.—One-year-old Ya'asi, daughter of Zion Yitzhak of the Ramot neighborhood, died yesterday when she fell head-first into a pail of water which had been left standing beside her cot. The baby had been left alone for only a few minutes when the tragedy occurred.

Three Killed In Road Accidents REHOVOT, Tuesday.—A 16-year-old boy was killed when he was hit by a truck being towed by a truck, near Safrahi, on the Ramla road today.

Shalom Sina'i of Rehovot, who was walking in the road, failed to notice that a passing truck was towing another one behind it. He was taken to the hospital, where he died. Itshak Rivkin, the driver of the towing vehicle, and Itzhak Kugel, the other driver, both of Moshav Safrahi, were detained.

An eighteen-month-old girl, Anitza Dabani, was run over and killed by a lorry at the Justice, Givatayim, Galil, this morning. Rashid Whafa, 21, of the same village, who was driving the lorry, was detained.

Joseph Ayal, 32, of Haifa, was seriously injured when the jeep in which he was a passenger overturned on the Acre-Safad road this morning. He is recovering in the hospital.

The driver of the jeep, Mordechai Darida, 25, of Haifa, escaped without injury.

Missing Girl Found In Relative's Home HAIFA, Tuesday.—Sixty policemen spent the night looking for Farha May, 8, who had been home in Tel Aviv since November, near Haifa, and failed to return.

The girl's uncle last night reported that she went out at noon to buy some cheese at the local market, and did not return. Police immediately went out in search, using searchlights and loudspeakers to alert the streets. The search continued throughout the night and until 6 o'clock in the morning, when the girl was seen leaving the hut of her relatives, where she had spent the night.

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"I am here, and in the best of health," the Sheikh said, evidently in a good mood after the reports that he had been tortured. "I never even dreamt of going to Syria," he said, "neither has it ever entered my mind that a Syrian raid into my village would have any chance of success. We live in a strong state, my home is in a strong village, and I am strong now."

The Sheikh entertained many callers this morning. His residence in the village was advertised by his bright red Kaiser-Frazer, a 1955 model of American make, parked in front of his house.

In the afternoon he drove to Haifa to take leave of the Mayor prior to the latter's departure for the USA.

An official Syrian spokesman yesterday denied the U.P. report that the 18 persons arrested in Syria on charges of spying for Israel included the Sheikh. ANA reported yesterday that those detained included no Israelis, the spokesman said.

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Fund deposits in the Bank of Israel stood at IL1,200,000 on October 27, according to the latest figures available.

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6 Newcomers From Eastern Europe

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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

A total of IL120,000 was raised throughout the country by the "Gift for the Soldier" campaign which closed last week.

1,500 Students Attend Classes As Technion Starts New Year

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"Josephine C. Cernick" who does "English-Russian, Russian-English translations." Those wanting to learn them on a smaller scale, can find "For Sale A Slide Rule (Nestier Cheap)," Friedman, and in both thick books is the call "Shut Up, Hamatavim Needs YOU!"

All fascinated and engrossed the newcomers, who quickly parted off to share a room for two books, English lessons and even expenses. As the bell rang at 9:45, the students turned, some with determination, others apathetically, to their classrooms.

700 of Student Body

The largest number will study mechanical engineering, followed by electrical and civil engineering. Girls, who make seven per cent of the students, (which is high number compared with technical schools abroad) prefer chemistry and architecture. Foreign students include a study of the Technion, and the study system, the Students Association, the Academic Unit of the Defence Forces. Prof. Y. Ratner lectured on "The International Background of Student Life."

Yesterday afternoon, Tel Aviv's Hofesh Dor, the Technion President, opened the term at the Institute of Aeronautical Engineering at Technion City.

This morning, the Technion lobby was full of bustle and bustle, with the walls, which were decorated with notices of all kinds and sizes, the centre of attraction. Many were the cries of joy at finding there "the most beautiful half-room on the fourth floor with a magnificent view," and cries of surprise at not finding "the Elements of the Differential and Integral Calculus." Students interested are asked to contact

the request of the Defence Forces.

Two Arab students are among the freshmen, as are a number of students from South Africa, France, Turkey and Brazil.

For needy students a loan fund has been established, besides scholarships. One hundred students will receive IL100 in uncomfortable rooms at the Technion City at a cost of IL100 a year for each student. One thousand wholesome low-prices meals a day will also be provided at the Technion restaurant.

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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER
OUTLOOK: Showers in most parts of country decreasing towards evening.

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* A) Minimum at 8 a.m. B) Minimum temp C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp expected today

THE TEACHERS' Association has agreed to wait another two weeks before taking any action, in order to hold further negotiations with the Government on salary increases. The decision was taken after an all-night session of the Association's 50-member Council, which was interrupted by party consultations in the Histadrut Executive in Tel Aviv on Monday night.

ABOUT 1,000 immigrants, mostly from North Africa, are due in Haifa in the next few days. Over 300 are in the a.s. Nogay today, and 1,200 in the French vessel, the s.s. Tasmania, tonight or tomorrow morning.

220 TONS of tinned meat arrived in the Greek vessel that arrived from the port of Mandelieu last night. Some 16,000 TONS of foodstuffs from Russia are due in the Russian tanker, Volga-Don, in Haifa today.

THE JERUSALEM distributors of "Ma'ariv," the evening newspaper, Yitzhak Ben Shalom Ger, was yesterday fined IL10 by the Jerusalem Magistrate for employing two children under the age of 14 in contravention of the Child Labour Law.

BABY DROWNS IN PAIL OF WATER REHOVOT. Tuesday.—One-year-old Ya'el, daughter of Zion Yisrael of the Randi matron, drowned in a pail of water which had been left standing beside her cot. The baby had been left alone for only a few minutes when the tragedy occurred.

Three Killed In Road Accidents REHOVOT. Tuesday.—A 16-year-old boy was killed when he was hit by a lorry being towed by a truck near Safrahiya on the Ramla road today.

Simeon Sina'i of Rehovot, who was walking in the road, failed to notice that a passing truck was towing another one behind it. He was taken to the Asaf Hospital in Rehovot where he died. Ishaak Rivlin, the driver of the towing vehicle, and Ishaak Kugel, the other driver, both of Moshav Safrahiya, were detained.

An eighteen-month-old girl, Amida Dabani, was run over and killed by a lorry at Kfar Jueda. The driver, Galiel Shabtai, 21, of the village, who was driving the lorry, was detained.

Joseph Ayal, 22, of Haifa, was seriously injured when the jeep in which he was a passenger, overturned on the Acre-Safad road this morning. His driver, the s.s. Mordechai Durjda, 22, of Haifa, escaped without injury.

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Work was resumed in Haifa. From yesterday morning, but rain in the afternoon put a stop to it. The workers of the second shift stood by until midnight, in the hope that the downpour would stop and give them a chance to resume loading and unloading. No case of flooding was reported anywhere in the city which had 9 mm. of rain.

Rehovot, in the citrus belt, had 19mm. of rain yesterday, eight in the morning, eight in the evening yesterday, while Affule in the Emek received 7 mm.

Only "traces" were reported from Elat.

FLOODS IN JORDAN AMMAN, Tuesday (Reuters).— Thunderstorms and heavy rain have caused the worst floods since 1935 in the Jerusalem and Dead Sea areas and at Nahliel, according to reports reaching here.

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The time has now largely passed when political parties in democracies campaign to win with promises of high CIVIL posts for ward SERVICE present STABILITY chiefs. Gone

are the days of the "ins" and the "outs," and of the "spuds" system — a system that brought squalor and waste, corruption and inefficiency. It is to Israel's credit that despite the multiplicity of its political factions it has built up a reasonably non-political civil service that has brought the nation through seven changes of government and political crises.

That is not to say that there have been no complaints against Government officials; there are plenty of these, but they are usually concerned with general slowness or lack of courtesy, an evil which may be more easily uprooted than party favouritism. In fact, where there have been alleviations of favouritism, they are usually ascribed to ministerial policy. Now that a new Government has been installed, a certain amount of expected juggling of high civil service positions has taken place. While there need be no fear of the wholesale introduction of the patronage system, there seems to be a tendency toward it with the imminent replacement of Directors-General without any suggestion whatsoever that the previous incumbents had in any way failed in their job.

There is something to be said in favour of a new Minister taking up his task being able to feel that he has at his right hand an executive who sees eye to eye with him in matters of general policy, and being able to interpret this line independently when need or occasion arises. On the other hand, a new Minister more than an experienced one needs the practical advice and support of an administrative head of a department already familiar with both the factual difficulties and the personnel available.

The position of a Director-General should be administrative, and he should follow up and execute the policy line laid down by his minister in conjunction with his cabinet colleagues. But he should also be on hand to ensure a certain continuity in the working of his department. Surely it would not be too late to invite his resignation if and when it became apparent that he is failing to follow a new policy line.

There has been some discussion recently about the proposed change of the Director-General of the Transport Ministry. While a final decision has yet to be made, as the new minister, who belongs to Adut Ha'avoda, is at present indisposed, it is difficult to see what would be gained by replacing the present Director-General, who happens to be a member of the Progressive party, but can claim in his own favour that he is thoroughly familiar with communications problems. A case where two men from different parties will work together is the Commerce and Industry Ministry, the new "captain" a Mapai party man, retaining the services of the Director-General who was appointed by a General Zionist Minister. The new Health Minister, of Mapam, has retained the services of the present Director-General who has served in the post under several regimes, although with the problems created round the Kupat Holim service, this ministry is not as non-political as might have been supposed. In the Ministry of Interior the present Director-General, appointed by a General Zionists before the coalition split last spring, has been abroad since August for advanced study of subjects related to local government and administration. During his absence a Ha'poel Hamizrahi Minister came in temporarily and appointed as acting Director-General a senior official of the Ministry from his party. Now this Minister, too, has gone to Adut Ha'avoda and the party has indicated its intention of putting one of its men into the Director-General's place.

These changes do not spell a major upset, but there is enough of a tendency here to warrant the consideration of a set policy by the Government for future occasions. The rule that appointments of Directors-General require Cabinet approval appears not to be an adequate safeguard against this tendency.

Mr. Sharett Came to Town A Diplomatic Journey That Was Necessary

By MAURICE CARE

PARIS — NEVER was a diplomatic journey more necessary than Mr. Sharett's recent sortie to Paris and Geneva. The author annoyances which initially plagued him in British circles was the measure of its vital importance for the weal of Israel.

The coming of the Israeli Prime Minister helped to shatter the policy of Western "non-interference" which the British Foreign Office and certain American diplomats in the U.S. State Department had advocated in face of the torrential flow of Soviet arms to the Arab countries. The London and Washington argument ran that it would do "more harm than good" if the Western Powers were to raise the Middle East issue with Russia at Geneva.

Israel Expendable

As unlikely as the Western "non-interference" were thinking somewhat along those lines? If a war is reached where Israel is compelled — through a Soviet cudgel wielded by the Arabs — to make peace on Arab terms, surrendering territory, giving up the right and the capacity for further Jewish mass immigration and every other right but the semblance of a school. Thereafter, the West, no longer hampered by extraneous Jewish considerations, could get really friendly with the Arabs and in a straight dollar versus ruble duel for possession of the Arab heart, could probably recover every bit of ground temporarily yielded by the Russians in the Middle East.

Of course, if the worst happened and Israel succumbed altogether, then the West — with appropriate expressions of disgust at Soviet ruthlessness — would be pleased to associate itself with the 1939 Tripartite Declaration, transforming it into a quadripartite guarantee of the Arab-Israel-Arab Pact. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Maxwell, thought it a good idea until he returned to London and was apparently put off by Mr. Eden. The Western Powers are reluctant to open the front door officially, as it were, to the Russians in the Middle East, traditionally an unimpeded sphere of Western influence. On the other hand, the Russians, having found it so easy to penetrate by the back door, may now have more ambitious plans.

The Russians, for their part, manifestly were and still are cheerfully prepared to sacrifice Israel in the attempt to smash the military system which the U.S. is building up in the Middle East around the Tudeh-Iranian-Afghan frontiers. Their within-easy aerial striking distance of the main Russian oil fields and new industrial centres.

This all-round readiness absolves a small country to a greater number of states extraneous, may be regarded as normal international usage. It is up to the little country to make the first move. The democratic element in Russia and Germany would undoubtedly have had much emotional and no little practical sympathy with the Western Powers. After all, the appeal which went forth to the world not so many years ago from the Warsaw Ghetto, was, "not for us, Israel alone, but for all the Jews." The same attitude of the German Nazis would undoubtedly have had much emotional and no little practical sympathy with the Western Powers.

The Big Power Foreign Ministers finally sat up and took notice of Mr. Sharett because they realized that man of peace though he is, he meant business and that, to the general surprise, the spark from Israel-American confrontation could set fire to the whole fast-shrinking globe.

The first lesson of the Sharett mission, then, was that at present the primary prerequisite for the survival of Israel is her military strength, to say which is axiomatic as to proclaim that something is essential to living. There is, however, another equally obvious of the obvious when things go wrong, for instance, when Czech armaments are unloaded at Alexandria, or when a man finds himself trapped in an airless hole.

Military force, needless to say is not a substitute for, but only a facet of a foreign policy. Per-

Readers' Letters

SHELTERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir — Since there is daily talk of our being on the verge of war, we should take the necessary precautions. Our air raid shelters would appear to be a disastrous case of neglect. Why do not the responsible authorities call upon the public to repair their private shelters and give them advice?

Perchance we are all a little superstitious and think, "deep down in our hearts, that such actions bring us bad luck." But we should be rational and realize that war will not come one day earlier or later, whether or not we repair our shelters, as we had better repair our houses!

Where is "HAGA"? It should come out of hiding now, rally volunteers and advise the public. The children who so generously sacrifice all their savings for the defence of the country are at least entitled to adequate shelter.

Yours etc.,

P. R. Tel Aviv, October 30.

LIFTS FOR SOLDIERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir — I would like to appeal to Israeli motorists to bear in mind the desire of the soldier to spend less time waiting for a lift from a passing car and more precious hours of his leave with his family. Time and again, attention has been drawn to the fact that hundreds of soldiers wait along the roads asking in vain for this simple act of help which does not require either money or even time, and should be considered in itself a reward and a contribution of the motorist towards better understanding and goodwill. Yours etc.,

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Ministry of Finance

Jerusalem, November 1.

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